Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Citizens, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and,

Whereas, Critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and,

Whereas, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attach, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and,

Whereas, Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of South Dakota's information infrastructure and economy; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Cyber Security Alliance, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State